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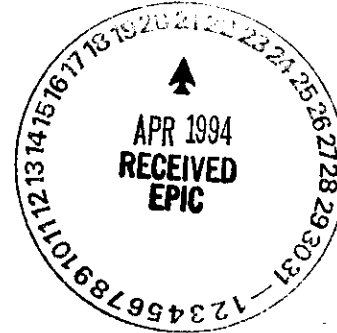
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Dear Mr. Pollet:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to receive your comments on the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan for the 200-UP-1 Groundwater Operable Unit, Hanford Site, Richland, Washington (Work Plan). Your comments and questions related to this Work Plan are addressed in this letter. 34128

As you are aware, the recent Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) incorporated many aspects of the groundwater remediation (e.g., pilot-scale pump and treat for uranium and technetium, as well as lab and bench studies for the nitrate removal of the IRM plumes in the 200 UP-1 groundwater operable unit, etc.) in order to accelerate the groundwater clean up at Hanford. The initial copy of the 200-UP-1 Work Plan did not cover many aspects of the new TPA agreements. The results of the recent TPA negotiations related to 200-UP-1 operable unit were finally incorporated in the Work Plan. Some of the related groundwater issues are still being discussed by the three parties, stakeholders, the Hanford Advisory Board, and the public, under the "refocusing of the environmental restoration program" and "groundwater strategy planning." Heart of America is one such interested group who is actively participating in these discussions. Any future changes to the Work Plan that might arise as a result of these discussion, will be made accordingly.

**Specific Comments:**

1. In regards to accessibility of certain referenced documents, there are four information repositories and three additional information centers where interested parties can review Hanford documents. Documents that are made available for purposes of public comment, as well as any supporting documents, are routinely placed in these locations prior to the initiation of, and announcement of associated public comment periods. In regards to providing free copies of documents to interested parties, federal agencies usually charge a fee to cover the cost of reproduction of additional copies of documents.

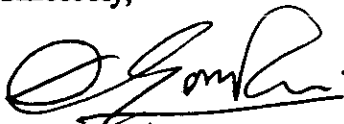
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Ecology always tries their best to provide any available copies available to interested parties. We are trying to improve document accessibility. Since the publication of the 200-UP-1 Work Plan, the situation has been improved.

2. Ecology supported your recommendation on starting remedial action on the uranium, technetium, and nitrate plumes immediately. As noted above, one of the main TPA issues negotiated was the start of the pilot-scale remedial action in the 200-UP-1 for uranium and technetium, and to carry out necessary lab/bench scale studies for nitrate by March 31, 1994. Accordingly, the pilot-scale pump and treat has already started. Once these tests are proved successful, remediation activities will gradually be accelerated to a full scale. The sampling and data gathering activities are cut to a minimum and the entire project has been moved forward for accelerated groundwater cleanup.

Ecology appreciates your input on the 200-UP-1 Work Plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (509) 736-3015.

Sincerely,



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